

## **UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL**

**Thursday, March 28, 2013**

**7:00 P.M.**

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session at its regularly scheduled meeting time on Thursday, March 28, 2013 at the hour of 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall at 508 E. Fourth Street, Huntingburg, Indiana. Members Lehr, McPherron, Blackgrove, Summers and Kissling were present. Also present were Mayor Spinner and City Attorney Schneider.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Blackgrove seconded by Summers and carried to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2013 meeting as presented.

A motion was made by Kissling seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the claims as presented.

The Mayor presented a request from Purdue Extension Service for a Proclamation for "The Month of the Military Child." This would be a month long recognition, April of 2013, of the children of Indiana affected by military deployment of a parent. Ashley Niehaus of Purdue Extension Service was present to ask that everyone participate in "Purple Up Day" on April 15, 2013 by wearing purple. Mayor Spinner signed the Proclamation declaring April 2013 as "The Month of the Military Child."

The Mayor announced the following appointments to the Tree Committee:

Council appointments: Michelle Buse and Aaron Bell

Mayor appointments: Phil Ahrens, Susan Kruger and Duane Gehlhausen

The purpose of this committee is to establish policy for the city departments to look at when tree issues arise in our downtown area as well as throughout the city. Their first meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 22, 2013.

Mayor Spinner began discussion on a new Communications/Community Development Director position. He highlighted the responsibilities of the position and stated that Economic Development Income Tax funds would pay for the position. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Lehr and carried (4 ayes, 1 nay, Summers) to introduce Ordinance No. 2013-13 entitled:

### **AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2012-31 FIXING SALARIES FOR THE YEAR 2013**

A proposal from the Clerk-Treasurer's office regarding new software for the City and Utility Billing was presented. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Summers and carried to accept the proposal and quote from BS&A Software in the amount of \$99,965 for new software for the City and Utility Billing.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented his monthly report. He discussed issues with the North Substation. He also noted that the City will be providing Gas service for a new subdivision west of Jasper.

Water Superintendent Traylor discussed the preliminary plans for the new building at the Water Treatment Plant.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the plans for the new building and for Universal Design to proceed with the detailed plans for the building.

Water Superintendent Traylor requested approval for Commonwealth to move forward with the Preliminary Engineering Report & Environmental Review of the dredging project. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by McPherron and carried to allow the Water Superintendent to move forward with the Preliminary Engineering Report & Environmental Review of the dredging project.

Water Superintendent Traylor introduced Bill Arvin, from Francisco, Indiana, who was hired for the Distribution Crew Chief position.

Attorney Schneider presented information supporting the need to amend Chapter 95 of the Huntingburg Municipal Code, Entitled Fair Housing.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2013-14 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 95 OF THE HUNTINGBURG  
MUNICIPAL CODE, ENTITLED FAIR HOUSING**

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried with unanimous consent to consider the adoption of Ordinance 2013-14 at the same meeting it was introduced.

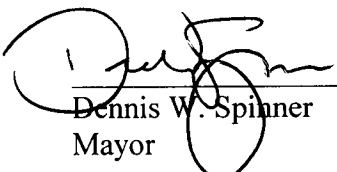
A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Kissling and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-14.

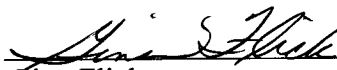
Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2013-14 the vote being 5 ayes in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2013-14 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:43 P.M.

The Mayor indicated that anyone wanting to make written public comments regarding the Patoka Lake Line Project may do so and turn them in to the City Office. A public hearing was held last week in which the public was present to make comments. Any written comments will be included in the packet for the project.

Council person Summers mentioned the need for parking for downtown and thought the lot adjacent to the city office would be an option for that parking. She would like to see that on a future agenda.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 o'clock P.M.

  
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Dennis W. Spinner  
Mayor

  
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Gina Flick  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer